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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: THEODORE M. TAYLOR
APPLICATION No.: 10/091,052
FILED: MARCH 4, 2002
FOR: **A METHOD FOR PLANARIZING
MICROELECTRONIC WORKPIECES**

EXAMINER: EZIAMARA
ANTHONY OJINI
ART UNIT: 3723
CONFIRMATION No.: 6701

Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance


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Sir:

In the Notice of Allowability mailed March 31, 2005, the Examiner allowed claims 2-10, 29-40, 42, 43 and 45-48. Although the applicant's attorney agrees with the Examiner's conclusion that these claims are allowable, the applicant's attorney notes that the claims may be allowable for reasons other than those identified by the Examiner and does not concede that the Examiner's characterizations of the terms of the claims and the prior art are correct.

Respectfully submitted,
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